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(U) Irvine—OC Man, Woman Charged with Running Prostitution Ring out of High-End Apartments

(U) An Orange County man and woman have been charged with running a sophisticated prostitution ring involving 29 women who worked out of high-end apartments in Irvine, authorities said. Fadi Boulos Chaiban, 53, allegedly recruited adult women by placing internet ads, then took sexually explicit pictures of them and advertised their services online. He is charged with multiple felony counts, including 29 counts of pandering, and faces more than 45 years in state prison if convicted. The female suspect, Tina Lorraine Saunders, 53, faces a maximum six years in state prison for her alleged role in the operation.

SOURCE: 2 February 2017, [ABC 7 Los Angeles](#)

(U) Pasadena—Man Sets off Explosive in Restaurant

(U) A man threw a homemade explosive device into the Cheesecake Factory in Pasadena, setting off an explosion that sent frightened diners fleeing but caused no serious injuries, officials said. Witnesses said a man tossed a device into the restaurant just after 6 p.m. and ran from the scene. The device detonated and gave off heavy smoke, but no one was injured. Pasadena police are investigating and federal authorities have been contacted.

SOURCE: 2 February 2017, [NBC 4 Los Angeles](#)

(U) Santa Rosa—Police Arrest Alleged Leader of Heroin and Meth Network in Sonoma County

(U) Santa Rosa police arrested a local man on 1 February who they believe is the leader of an organization that facilitates drug transactions, according to authorities. Police arrested Artemio Sandoval-Rivera, 28, as part of a 10-month investigation by Santa Rosa police of a heroin and methamphetamine sales and distribution network by a group of people and family members in Sonoma County. Police Sergeant Rich Celli stated the group has been supplying mid-level heroin dealers with substantial quantities of heroin and methamphetamine on a weekly basis.

SOURCE: 3 February 2017, [Bay City News Service](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) New York—Mexican Drug Lord 'El Chapo' to Appear in Federal Court

(U) New York—Mexico's most notorious drug kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman is set to appear in federal court in Brooklyn, New York, this morning. Guzman is charged with running a massive drug smuggling operation that laundered more than \$14 billion, along with other felony charges, which carry a minimum sentence of life in prison. A US judge initially ruled that Guzman, 59, would appear in court by video, but the order was changed after his attorneys argued that their client's absence in court would be prejudicial, creating the appearance that he is too dangerous to appear at the hearing.

SOURCE: 3 February 2017, [CNN](#)

(U) Texas—Police, Victim Advocate Groups Prep for Super Bowl: 'Largest Human Trafficking Event'

(U) Houston—This weekend's Super Bowl is likely to transform the entire city of Houston into one huge party, yet it is also considered the largest human trafficking event of the year by victim advocates. One

nonprofit has taken 7,000 people on van tours, pointing out brothels in Houston neighborhoods, to help recruit volunteers and educate the public. Another non-profit is training those in the airline and tourism industries how to spot sex trafficking victims. Meanwhile, undercover police officers will be out in force, looking for everything from prostitution to human trafficking.

SOURCE: 2 February 2017, [ABC 12 KSAT](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France—Knife-Wielding Assailant near Louvre Shot by French Soldier

(U) Paris—A man with a large knife was shot by a French soldier on Friday after he lunged at four soldiers, shouting “God is great” in Arabic near the Louvre Museum in Paris, police said. The suspect was shot five times while in the stairway that connects the Carrousel du Louvre shopping center with the Tuileries Gardens above, but he did not reach the typically crowded mall itself, nor the main entrance of the museum. One soldier received a minor scalp injury. A second person has been taken into custody, said the Interior Ministry spokesman, but that person’s connection to the events at the Louvre is unclear.

SOURCE: 3 February 2017, [New York Times](#)

(U) India—Police Bust \$550 Million Internet Scam

(U) New Delhi—Indian police have busted an internet scam in which around 650,000 people lost a combined \$549 million after sending money to a company that promised they would earn cash by clicking on web links, police said this morning. Police, who described the pyramid-style scheme as one of India’s biggest ever, said they had arrested three ringleaders on the outskirts of New Delhi. The men ran a series of websites that promised would-be subscribers a chance to earn five rupees (\$0.07) each time they clicked or liked web links sent to their mobile phones. Cyber crime in India, home to the world’s second largest number of internet users, has jumped 350 percent in the three years.

SOURCE: 2 February 2017, [Reuters](#)

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